

**MINUTES**  
**SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE**

**Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 12:00 PM**

City Hall, 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan Wisconsin  
Third Floor Conference Room

**Present:** Scott Hanson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Sean Hurley, Chad Pelishek, Dave Biebel, Heather Cleveland, Ted Vallis, Mayor Vandersteen, Ald. Bryan Bitters, Mark Pawasara, Rebecca Clarke, Pete Pittner, John Hill, Laura Gumm, Emily Vetting (for Aaron Brault) & Greg Ryan (quorum present)

**Excused:** Aaron Brault

**Citizen Observers:** Janet Ross and Laura Klemm

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by Ald. Bitters with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Nov. 20, 2014 minutes were approved.

**Green Tier Annual Report** – Chad Pelishek presented a report outline and asked the group for other suggestions to be included. Final suggestions are due 1/31/15 and the annual report should be ready for the March SSTF meeting.

**Local Food Video** – Heather Cleveland said the video is complete with input from Goodside Grocery and the Sheboygan School system. Chad will check that the video is accessible online. Heather asked for help on the Energy video being produced in February, 2015. The video will focus on City energy usage and savings with input from SSTF's Energy focus group.

**City Recycling Program** – Mayor Vandersteen outlined, along with Dave Biebel and Joel Colesteen from DPW, suggestions and plans for how to increase the city's recycled tonnage and bring a savings to city garbage collection costs. The Waste Management five year contract, effective January 2015, charges \$46 per ton for garbage and \$0 for recycling tonnage. The potential savings to the city could be over \$250,000 if the city increased its recycling tonnage to 50% of all garbage collection.

A recycling brochure will be mailed out with the water bills and it will be available at city locations and website. DPW workers will continue to tag garbage not following recycling guidelines. PSA's, newspaper articles, social media posts, nextdoor.com and signs on garbage trucks were all seen as ways to educate and enlist citizens to do more recycling. The mayor also asked the Task Force members to personally help promote recycling possibly through public presentations to civic and religious groups.

The City website also needs updating on recycling and Task Force activities.

**Focus Group reports:**

**Water and Natural and Natural Resources** – Scott Hanson reported that they will be constructing some rain barrels for purchase this spring, courtesy of Rockline and the Sustainable Living Group.

**Energy** – no report

**Green Tier Action Steps** were finally approved by the Strategic Financial Planning committee – Chad Pelishek

**Action for next meeting** –

- Recycling brochure out to the public
- Energy video produced in February, 2015

**Next meeting – Thursday, March 26, 2015 at noon.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary